Construction of Youth Hostel

2788. SHRI BASUDEV MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Youth Hostels constructed so far in the country;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct more Youth Hostels during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is the amount earmarked for this purpose during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Twenty one.

(b) and (c) Subject to availability of land and financial resources, there is a proposal to take up the construction of 60 more youth hostels all over the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(d) Rs. 20.00 crores.

Transport Companies

2789. SHRI BASUDEV MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Transport Companies registered under the Company Act and the number of State Transport Corporations working in the country;

(b) whether Government have taken any initiative to amalgamate any of the said Companies with respective Corporations; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) As on 31-3-87, 392 companies were registered as "Transport and Communication" Companies. The State Government have set up, as the undertakings, 20 State Road Transport Undertakings as Companies and 20 State Road Transport Corporations under the Road Transport Corporations Act, 1950. One State Road Transport Corporation namely Delhi Transport Corporation, is under the administrative control of the Central Government.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

National Educational Tribunal

2790. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any action to improve the Law Commission's proposal for setting-up of a National Educational Tribunal to be the sole court of appeal for all disputes involving Universities; and

(b) if so, by when such a tribunal is likely to be set-up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No recommendations have been received from the Law Commission regarding the establishment of the proposed Central Education Tribunal.

(b) Does not arise.

Memorandum presented by the All India Leprosy Convention

2791. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any action on the memorandum presented